



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.				
10/593,214	Gerhard Hirmer	016894-03301				
54487 JONES & SMITH, LLP 2777 ALLEN PARKWAY, SUITE 800 HOUSTON, TX 77019-2141		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/IB2005/000662				
		<table border="1"><tr><td>I.A. FILING DATE</td><td>PRIORITY DATE</td></tr><tr><td>03/15/2005</td><td>03/15/2004</td></tr></table>	I.A. FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE	03/15/2005	03/15/2004
I.A. FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE					
03/15/2005	03/15/2004					

CONFIRMATION NO. 7435
371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER



Date Mailed: 04/11/2008

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

10/09/2007
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1),
(c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

10/09/2007
DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL
35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/16/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/16/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 09/16/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 10/09/2007
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/16/2006
- Specification filed on 09/16/2006
- Claims filed on 09/16/2006
- Abstracts filed on 09/16/2006
- Drawings filed on 09/16/2006

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

BARBARA A CAMPBELL

Telephone: (703) 308-9140 EXT 217